

Urban Gardening is Growing!

Gardening can be inexpensive, fun and a great family activity. These workshops will cover a wide range of topics, from houseplants to starting seeds indoors. **Saturdays from 12–1 pm.**

- January 28** Winton Road Branch Library
611 N. Winton Road
- February 4** Maplewood Branch Library
1111 Dewey Avenue
- February 11** Arnett Branch Library
310 Arnett Boulevard
- February 18** Charlotte Branch Library
3557 Lake Avenue
- February 25** Lincoln Branch Library
851 Joseph Avenue

Look for details on additional gardening workshops this winter on the City's website.

Scout Out Nature in Our Big Backyard

During the winter school break, bring the family and look for birds, wildlife tracks and other signs of nature in Rochester's beautiful parks.

Weekdays, 1–2 pm:

Tuesday, February 21: El Camino Trail Park at the corner of Clifford & Conkey

Wednesday, February 22: Genesee Valley Park.
Meet outside the Genesee Waterways Center at the back of the Genesee Valley ice rink parking lot near the river.

Thursday, February 23: Meet outside the Highland Park Conservatory



Watch for it!

Questions? Call 311. Outside the City Call 428-5990

www.cityofrochester.gov/winteradventures

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nature



2012
Flower City Looking Good
**Winter Adventures
Program**



Thomas S. Richards, Mayor
City of Rochester, NY



Discover the Beauty of Winter!

Enjoy the great outdoors. Have a blast at the Lakeside Winter Celebration! Trade your boots in for snowshoes! Enter a winter gardening contest! Shop for fresh produce or attend work shops and learn how to grow your own fresh foods. Have fun, get in shape or just make some new friends along the way.

Let's Skate!

Outdoor Ice Skating

Manhattan Square Park,
353 Court St., 428-7541

Open Skate: Monday-Friday
12:00-1:30 pm, 3:40-5:10 pm
5:30-7:00 pm, also Tues-Thurs.
7:20-8:50 pm (if not reserved)

Adult Skate: Monday-Friday,
1:50-3:20 pm.

Indoor Ice Skating

Genesee Valley Park
131 Elmwood Ave., 428-7889

Open Skate: Sunday 2:30-3:45 pm,
Monday-Friday 12:00-1:15 pm, Saturday 5:00-6:15 pm

Adult Skate: Tuesday-Thursday 10:30-11:45 am,
Friday 10:00-11:15 am

Fees for both indoor & outdoor skating, adults-\$5,
17 & under-\$2, Families-\$14, Season Pass for
Manhattan-\$60, Season Pass for Genesee Valley-\$125.

City rinks offer winter season activities including figure skating lessons, broom ball, ice hockey & more. Group rentals available.



Snow Cheap Trail Race Series

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm registration

7:15 pm, race start

**Dec. 21, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 1,
Feb. 15 & Feb. 29.**



Meet at Lake Riley Lodge, Norris Dr. & Culver Rd., Cobbs Hill Park. **Preregistration required no later than 6:45 pm on the day of race.** Races will be held snow or no snow, snowshoes or no snowshoes. Post-race party, door prizes and fun!

Regular price: One race is \$10; entire series \$45.

Bring or mail registration to Fleet Feet Sports. To register online go to www.fleetfeetrochester.com, under events scroll to Snow Cheap Trail Race Series, print application.

Snowshoes for rent at Fleet Feet Sports, 2210 Monroe Ave., 732-1090 and the City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation, 400 Dewey Avenue 428-6755. Reserve yours at registration (limited rental). Head lamps required.



Winter Garden Contest

Enter to win by February 29

Any gardener may nominate his/her own garden or a neighbor's garden. Recognition and prizes will be awarded for Best Winter Garden. Judging is based on the use of colors, textures, structures and other winter plant characteristics. For more information go to: www.cityofrochester.gov/gardencontest

Garden entry information to include: pictures, address, contact person, phone number & e-mail to thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov or mail garden entries to 400 Dewey Ave. Rochester, NY, 14613.



Discover Other Winter Horticultural Opportunities

Barking Up The Right Trees

Learn how to identify 10 different species of trees, just from their bark and branches! We'll wander among the mighty giants of the Washington Grove forest at Cobb's Hill Park. Your guide, Peter Debes will help with identification and clues about past lighting strikes and ice storms. You'll also see how the City is working to protect the Grove and control invasive species such as Norway maples.

Saturday, Jan.14, 10–11:30 am. Take the road up to the Reservoir off Highland Avenue. Meet by the pine trees at the top of the hill.

Lakeside Winter Celebration

Sunday, February 12, 11 am–4 pm

Join us at Ontario Beach Park for an outstanding winter celebration, including the 3rd Annual Lake Ontario Ice Wine Festival.



- Outdoor Children's Games
- Frostbiter's Sailboat Racing
- Chilly Chili Challenge
- Horse-Drawn Carriage
- Snow Sculpture Contest
- Dog Sled Demo
- 12th Annual Polar Plunge (Fundraiser for the NY Special Olympic)

For a schedule of activities go to:

www.cityofrochester.gov/wintercelebration



Learn More!

There are many other opportunities to learn about growing flowers and vegetables this winter. Check out these websites:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County:

www.MYCCE.org/Monroe

Rochester Civic Garden Center: www.RCGC.org

NOFA-NY: www.NOFANY.org

Rochester Roots: www.RochesterRoots.org

Saturday City Snowshoe Hikes

Learn the basics of walking on the snow in snowshoes while discovering the beauty of the outdoors in winter. Look for the **Rec on the Move** van at some of these Saturday activities. Snowshoes provided FREE. **Saturdays, 1–3 pm:**

- January 7** Campbell Street Community Center
524 Campbell Street
- January 14** Avenue D Community Center
200 Avenue D
- January 21** South Avenue Community Center
999 South Avenue
- January 28** Edgerton Community Center
41 Backus Street
- February 4** Flint Street Community Center
271 Flint Street
- February 11** David F. Gantt Community Center
700 North Street
- February 18** Adams Street Community Center
85 Adams Street
- February 25** Carter Street Community Center
500 Carter Street

Try snowshoeing out on your own at any time: Snowshoe Rentals –
City Recreation, 400 Dewey Ave.,
9 am–4:30 pm, Mon.–Fri. except
holidays, \$10 per weekend,
\$25 for families. For more
information, call 428–6755.



The Rochester Public Market

280 N. Union Street, Open: Tuesday & Thursday,
6 am–1 pm & Saturday, 5 am–3 pm. Watch for the
return of the market shuttle in the spring.

www.cityofrochester.gov/publicmarket

The Winter Farmers Market

Cornell Cooperative Extension,
249 Highland Avenue, Wednesdays, 3–6 pm
through May.

Sunday Park Hikes

Explore all the outdoors has to offer. Bring your family & friends for a wonderful winter hike. Snowshoes available for the hike at no charge.

Sundays, 1–2:30 pm:

- January 7** Pulaski Park, meet at the corner of
Avenue D & Carter Street
- January 15** Highland Park, meet in front
of Conservatory
- January 22** Turning Point Park, off Lake Ave.
at the end of Boxart St.
- January 29** Seneca Park Zoo parking lot –
first lot, closest to St. Paul
- February 5** Cobbs Hill Reservoir & Washington
Grove, meet along fence at east end
of reservoir
- February 12** Lakeside Winter Celebration hike from
Port Terminal building to Turning Point
Park, meet outside terminal entrance.
- February 19** Jones Park & Edgerton Park, meet
near the corner of Plymouth Ave. &
Lorimer St.
- February 26** El Camino Trail, meet at the play
ground at Clifford Ave. and
Conkey Ave.

Next time you're at Wegmans look for the
"Passport to Family Wellness" brochure. Inside
the brochure you'll find information about trails
in the region.

Earth Explorers

A year round environ-
mental education program
connecting youth and
families to nature. Find out
about all our Earth Explorer
programs at your neighbor-
hood recreation center.

